

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 954
By Casada

A RESOLUTION to commend Presley Hughes for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Chief of the Nolensville Volunteer Fire Department.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Presley Hughes is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary thirty year tenure as Chief of the Nolensville Volunteer Fire Department, Presley Hughes has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee enjoy a wonderful quality of life, and we owe much to the brave men and women who bravely fight fires and defend our homes and our workplaces against destruction by fire; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hughes joined with the ranks of such brave citizens at the genesis of a Jaycees' community project that established the Nolensville Volunteer Fire Department; upon the Department's organization there were twenty Volunteer Firefighters and Presley Hughes served as one of those Volunteers for six months before being named Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, representing the valued dedication of the Volunteer Firefighters, Chief Hughes has been unwavering in his support of the Department as it has experienced substantial growth and change; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of numerous fire emergencies, Chief Hughes is an ardent supporter of the new sprinkler ordinance that was recently approved by the Board of the Mayor

and Alderman of Nolensville, and he believes that the sprinklers "will have a dramatic impact" on the safety of the city's citizens; and

WHEREAS, to show their respect and appreciation, the Volunteers of the Nolensville Fire Department presented Chief Hughes with a leather helmet last year commemorating his thirty years of service; and

WHEREAS, although he recently retired from Lorillard Tobacco Company, Chief Hughes looks forward to many more years of community service; and

WHEREAS, devoted to uphold family values of the highest order, Chief Hughes is grateful for the loving companionship he shares with his wife, Elaine; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hughes's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Presley Hughes is a an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Chief Presley Hughes is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Presley Hughes for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Chief of the Nolensville Volunteer Fire Department and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.